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BATTLESHIP BULWARK LOST
IN THAMES BY AN EXPLOSION

British Naval Fighter Wrecked
and Nearly All of Men
Aboard Are Killed in Thanks-
giving Day Tragedy—Say
Explosion Was From With-
in.

London, Nov. 27.—The British navy suffered the loss yesterday of a battleship and at least 736 officers and men in a manner which mystifies and alarms the public.

The pre-dreadnought Bulwark, of 16,000 tons and built at a cost of £1,000,000 (\$5,000,000), blew up at her moorings off Sheerness in the estuary of the Thames and barely thirty-five miles from London.

The known facts are that a tremendous explosion occurred while officers and crew were about their ordinary duties—it is reported that the band was playing—and in three minutes the shattered hulk of the ship had disappeared beneath the surface.

Of a ship's company of 750 at least—the number may have been nearer 800—all except fourteen were killed by the explosion or drowned after a few minutes struggle in the water. The estimate of the loss was furnished in the House of Commons by Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty. Mr. Churchill attempted no explanation of the cause of the disaster and merely offered the opinion that the destruction of the Bulwark is not a serious loss to England's naval power.

It is permitted to say that Government and public are much shocked over the further loss of so many trained officers and seamen. A battleship of obsolete type can be spared, but naval officers do not pretend to conceal their concern over the destruction of so many men. Up to yesterday the British navy has lost 8,081 officers and men, if the estimate that 736 perished yesterday is accurate. An official report issued Wednesday placed the losses at 7,841, officers and men.

The Admiralty issued a statement last night saying that there are fourteen survivors of the disaster to the Bulwark.

Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, who formerly made the Bulwark his flagship, said in an interview:

"People naturally will think of German spies as an explanation of the disaster. I prefer to say nothing about that. It is certain that the magazine must have exploded, but I cannot imagine how it happened. Good cordite does not explode without a detonator, and inferior cordite is excluded by frequent tests."

"There was a fire a while ago within the magazine of the battleship Revenge. Sailors quenched it and the magazine did not explode."

"The magazine of the Bulwark was in a very safe position and was protected by every modern device. Possibly a shell fired from a gun, but even this ought not to have exploded the magazine."

The Admiralty will hold an inquiry tomorrow for the purpose of fixing the cause for the destruction of a warship which lay within a short distance of London and was as safe, presumably, as any ship could be from even the extraordinary hazards of war. The only opinion that is forwarded by naval officers who made a preliminary investigation is that there was an accidental explosion of ammunition which was being loaded into the magazine of the Bulwark and that the magazine blew up.

This is the conjecture of a vice-admiral and a rear admiral who were at Sheerness when the denouement rocked buildings for several miles around. They declare that there was no up-heaval of water such as invariably follows the explosion of a mine or a torpedo launched from a submarine. They find from their evidence there is that the explosion was primarily internal.

Pending an investigation and detailed report by the Admiralty there is unquestionable fear in the minds of many that the Bulwark was another victim of the daring under sea strategy of the Germans. The conjecture may be utterly unwarranted, possibly is, since the Thames is so completely mined at the mouth that it would be difficult for a mackerel to slip through without knowledge of the safe passages. But the notion persists and will be held until the government is able to remove it by an acceptable report.

Accidents of the character of the explosion in the Bulwark are very uncommon in the British navy, or in any navy for that matter, and in war time, particularly, there is extraordinary care displayed in the handling of explosives and the safeguarding of ship's magazines. The last previous disaster of the kind was the unexplained explosion which destroyed the French battleship La Liberté in the harbor of Toulon.

It would have been difficult to find a better protected anchorage for a British warship, so far as the possibility of an attack by the Germans was concerned, than the estuary of the Thames. The Bulwark rode in deep water off Sheerness, on the south shore of the Medway. There is no official statement as to what was taking place on board, and there is only a report that ammunition was being hoisted into the magazine. Some persons at Sheerness say they heard the Bulwark's band playing a lively air just before the explosion was heard. It is possible that not all of the battleship's company of from 750 to 800 were aboard, but it is only a possibility at best, since there is no shore leave granted to officers and men at such times as these.

From Sheerness, Chatham and other towns near the anchorage of the Bulwark, the report is that the explosion was so violent that houses were shaken and rocked at least seven miles from the harbor. Some saw a vast

BRITISH WARSHIPS AND CREWS LOST
SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE WAR

Cruisers	Tonnage	Crew	Men Lost	Sunk
Amphion	3,440	320	131	Aug. 6
Pathfinder	2,940	268	246	Sept. 19
Hogue	12,000	755	—	Sept. 22
Cressy	12,000	755	1,450	Sept. 22
Aboukir	12,000	755	—	Sept. 22
Hawke	7,350	544	471	Oct. 15
Hermes	5,600	456	51	Oct. 31
Niger	810	85	—	Nov. 11
Good Hope	14,100	900	1,640	Nov. 3
Monmouth	9,800	740	—	Nov. 3
Andalous	15,000	800	786	Nov. 26
Bulwar	23,000	900	1	Nov. 27

column of flame and smoke leap high in the air followed on the instant by a frightful roar. From what is known, it seems that the battleship disappeared in three minutes. Heavy smoke hung low over the river, and watchers on shore caught glimpses of boats hastening to the rescue of the scores that had been flung into the water. That these efforts were practically unavailing is shown by the official statement of only 14 men saved.

The news reached London quickly and absolutely shocked the people in the streets. At first it was hoped that the rumor was merely one of the wild canards which are spread by the excitable, but it was very soon ascertained that the Admiralty had confirmed the report. The First Lord made the announcement to the House in the following statement:

"The loss of the ship does not sensibly affect our military position, but I regret the loss of life, which was very heavy. Only twelve men were saved. All the officers and the rest of the crew, which I suppose amounted to between 700 and 800 men, perished."

CONGRESSMAN SHERLEY,
43 TOMORROW, SAYS U. S.
COULD REPEL INVADERS

After the many and lurid predictions as to what would happen to poor, defenseless old Uncle Sam in case of invasion by an armed foe, it is refreshing and reassuring to be told that Uncle Sam isn't quite so weak and unprepared as the alarmists allege. Possibly the alarmists are right, but most citizens of the United States will lend a willing ear to the hope-inspiring statements of Congressman Sherley, of Kentucky, who speaks with all the authority of chairman of the House committee on fortifications. Col. Sherley is Louisville's representative in the House, and is a native of the Kentucky metropolis. He will pass his forty-third birthday tomorrow, having been born on Nov. 28, 1871. He was christened Swager after his mother's maiden name. After graduating from the Louisville Male High School in 1889 he took the B. L. degree at the University of Virginia, and was admitted to the bar in 1891. He was barely past thirty when he was first elected to Congress in 1902, and he has been returned with great regularity ever since.

The Kentucky lawmaker, whose position gives him inside knowledge of the fortification plans of the United States, recently asserted that the shores of the republic are so well fortified, with the exception of two points where work is now in progress, that it is entirely improbable that any foe would be so rash as to make an assault on any of these fortifications from the sea.

"The fortifications have been so constructed," explained Mr. Sherley, "as to protect important harbors from a direct attack by a hostile fleet. This has already been accomplished, except at San Pedro, Cal., where emplacements for guns are being built, and at the mouth of the Chesapeake, where work has been acquired by the government, and estimates will be submitted for placing sixteen-inch guns, along with other armament, that should protect that entrance. Our guns are the most modern pattern, and are capable of destroying the most modern superdreadnought. Whether it may be thought advisable in the future to prepare certain minor defenses in the rear of the coast fortifications is a matter about which there is some difference of opinion."

Butler is being shipped from Siberia to England via the Panama Canal.

Secretary Garrison sent General Funston a letter expressing appreciation of the services of the General and his officers during the occupation of Vera Cruz.

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RUSSIANS CLAIM
50,000 GERMANS
HAVE SURRENDERED

Paris, Nov. 27.—Telegraphing from Petrograd regarding the fighting around Lodz, Russian Poland, the correspondent of the Matin says:

"One German army corps, which was surrounded by Russian troops, surrendered in a body. This represents nearly 50,000 prisoners. Another corps, which also had been cut off, has now been completely put to rout. The Russians are attacking along the Czenstehowa-Cracow line with redoubled intensity."

DESCRIBES RAID
ON NAVAL RACE

London, Nov. 27.—Some new details of the bombardment of Zebrugge, Belgium, which the Germans were preparing as a naval base, have reached the London newspapers. The correspondent of the Express on the Belgian frontier telegraphs that refugees report that the first shell thrown by the British warships on Zebrugge fell among the German submarines in the inner harbor.

After 30 sailors had been killed or wounded, the submarines were ordered to make a dash for safety to the English Channel and try to run the gauntlet of the fleet.

Some of the submarines returned to Zebrugge; the correspondent laconically remarks that the fate of the others is unknown.

Eighteen Victoria Crosses have been awarded to date.

CHICAGO PLEDGES
\$45,000 TO HELP
BELGIAN REFUGEES

Chicago, Nov. 27.—Contributions totalling \$45,771 has been pledged by Chicagoans in an installment relief plan for starving Belgians. It was announced today. Citizens agreed to give a certain sum each month for six months. The amounts pledged are from \$5 to \$25 monthly.

IRISHMAN SAVED COMRADES
Returning From Stolen Leave, He
Spotted a Prussian Surpris.

London, Nov. 27.—A new story of a British encounter with the Prussian Guard was told by a Corporal of the Warwickshire Regiment who is now at home wounded.

"The night the Prussian Guard attacked us around Ypres," he said, "it was only by the merest chance and a fine piece of heroism that we were warned in time. There was an Irishman of the King's Liverpool Regiment who had strayed out of bounds to meet a girl whose home was off the line of attack. Coming back late, he stumbled on the Germans stealing quietly toward our position. Without thought of consequences to himself, but only concerned for the safety of his comrades, he dashed toward the spot where he knew our guard to be to give the alarm. The Germans spotted him, and a cavalry patrol was at his heels instantly. He had a good start, but toward the end he was hit in both legs."

"He got through with the warning, and is now in the base hospital, pulling through. He doesn't know whether he will get a medal or a wigwig for being out of bounds, but he's hoping for the best."

BARNUM NAMED FOR
COMMANDER OF THE
ELIAS HOWE, JR., POST

Members of Elias Howe, Jr., post, No. 3, G. A. R., nominated officers at their meeting last night. William M. Barnum was named for commander; James Lant for senior vice-commander; H. O. Purdy, junior vice-commander; Henry J. Seelye, quartermaster; Charles E. Moore, officer of the day; and Joseph Tyler, officer of the guard.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Women's Relief corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Veterans, Sons of Veterans and others who assisted in preparing the turkey supper served last Thursday night in G. A. R. hall.

REDUCE TUITION
FOR DRAMA COURSE

In order to stimulate interest in the drama in this city the Columbia College extension course authorities have decided to reduce the tuition for the remainder of the course to one-half the amount stipulated for the entire course. Lectures are delivered by Edgar W. Burrill, a lecturer for the Drama League of America and a well known educator. The drama class meets on Thursday evenings.

About 150 members of the Lafayette Consistory will today exemplify the first degree at New York city for the Consistory of that city. The drill team consists of 48 men and will be in charge of Commander-in-Chief Charles M. Gerdenier. They will leave here at 3 o'clock, returning by train shortly before midnight.

Let Us Fill Your Fervency
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ENGLISH TEACHERS
IN BIG CONVENTION

Chicago, Nov. 27.—President Wilson's principle of reading speeches was adhered to in a paper read at the fourth annual meeting of the National Council of Teachers of English and in another paper his injunction to preserve strict neutrality with reference to the European war was scrupulously observed in touching on the true meaning of "culture" in the light of modern developments. The latter incident was observed in a paper on "Our speech" by Katherine Jewell Everts, of Pomfret, Conn., who said: "The word 'culture' us up for examination, dissection and rehabilitation. The culture of a great nation is under arrangement. Education is about to be called upon to subserve a quality of culture involving a new ideal of human relationship. Domination or possession will no longer constitute success."

Prof. Franklin T. Baker, of Columbia, read his annual address as president of the National Council. Among other speakers was F. S. Tilden, of Depauw University, who stated that the world is beginning to believe, rightly or wrongly, that there is only a means to an end and not an end in itself.

Eos P. Lockbridge, of Indiana, advocated free and frank discussions of civil problems among students rather than the old fashioned two-sided debate where the ambition is to best a rival rather than to elucidate the subject.

Frederick J. Pohl, of Wesleyan University, discussing the literature for the sophomore, remarked that it is more important by far that the student should read literature and form an opinion on it; that he should form an opinion on its value.

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Dresses that were \$7	Dresses that were \$16
For Saturday	For Saturday
\$3.65	\$8.65
Dresses that were \$25 to \$30	
For Saturday	
\$16.65	

SALE OF BOYS' CLOTHING

PRICES CUT AGAIN

Suits that were \$5.50	For Saturday	\$1.80
Suits that were \$7	For Saturday	\$2.80
Overcoats that were \$5	For Saturday	\$2.80
Overcoats that were \$7	For Saturday	\$4.80
Balmacaans that were \$8	For Saturday	\$5.80
Knee Pants that were \$5	For Saturday	\$3.80
Sweaters that were \$1	For Saturday	\$1.80
Flannel shirts that were \$1	For Saturday	\$1.80

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FUR COATS

Caracul Skin Coats, genuine pelts with self collar, fancy brocade lining.	For Saturday	\$19.95
Russian Pony Skin Coats, Fitch, raccoon, and civet cat collars, Skinner satin lined.	For Saturday	\$29.50
Real value \$40.	For Saturday	\$21.95
Real value \$55.	For Saturday	\$27.95
Real value \$65.	For Saturday	\$29.95
Seal Skin Coats made of Hudson Bay Seal.	For Saturday	\$76.95
Real value \$135.	For Saturday	\$76.95
Mink Marmot Coats, 45 inch long self collar, Skinner satin lined.	For Saturday	\$97.95
Real value \$70.	For Saturday	\$39.50
Near Seal Coats.	For Saturday	\$58.95
Real value \$75.	For Saturday	\$39.50
Hudson Seal Coats, skunk collar brocade lining 45 in. long.	For Saturday	\$58.95
Real value \$100.	For Saturday	\$58.95

FUR SETS.

French Coney Sets.	For Saturday	\$3.95
Real value \$7.	For Saturday	\$3.95
Real value \$10.	For Saturday	\$5.95
Real value \$15.75.	For Saturday	\$9.95
Real value \$25.	For Saturday	\$14.95

Men's Fur Lined Coats \$29.95 and up

SPECIAL VALUES FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Russian Coney Set, genuine Fitch trimmed set, large pillow muff, jaunty scarf.	For Saturday	\$19.95
Real value \$32.50.	For Saturday	\$19.95
Genuine Black Fox Sets.	For Saturday	\$26.95
Real value \$52.50.	For Saturday	\$26.95
Real value \$70.	For Saturday	\$42.95
Civet Cat Sets.	For Saturday	\$17.95
Real value \$30.	For Saturday	\$17.95
Real value \$42.	For Saturday	\$23.95
Raccoon Sets.	For Saturday	\$13.95
Real value \$25.	For Saturday	\$13.95
Real value \$30.	For Saturday	\$17.95
Real value \$42.50.	For Saturday	\$23.95
Near Seal Muffs.	For Saturday	\$10.95
Real value \$18.	For Saturday	\$10.95
Real value \$25. (Fitch trimmed).	For Saturday	\$16.95
Others up to \$29.95.		
Black Fox Muffs.	For Saturday	\$13.95
Real value \$22.50.	For Saturday	\$13.95
Real value \$27.50.	For Saturday	\$17.95
Real value \$33.95.	For Saturday	\$23.95
Pointed Fox Sets.	For Saturday	\$38.95
Real value \$60.	For Saturday	\$38.95
Pointed Wolf Sets.	For Saturday	\$59.75
Real value \$35.	For Saturday	\$21.95
Russian Fitch Sets.	For Saturday	\$39.50
Real value \$60.	For Saturday	\$39.50

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Blanket Bath Robes, that were \$3.00.	For Saturday	\$1.95
P. N. Corsets, Newest models, that were \$1.	For Saturday	69c
Onyx Hosiery For Saturday		25c

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Suits that were \$20 and \$22.50	For Saturday	\$13.65	Overcoats that were \$20 and \$22.50	For Saturday	\$14.65
Suits that were \$25 and \$27.50	For Saturday	\$16.65	Overcoats that were \$25 to \$30.00	For Saturday	\$18.65

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